

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1165

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE,  
BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-319, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE  
THAT CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED RURAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS  
SHALL BE CONSIDERED RURAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-319,  
Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

33-319. RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS – RURAL PUBLIC CHARTER  
SCHOOLS. (1) A school district shall be considered a rural school district if it meets one  
(1) of the following two (2) criteria:

(a) There are fewer than twenty (20) enrolled students per square mile within the area  
encompassed by the school district's boundaries; or

(b) The county in which a plurality of the school district's market value for assessment  
purposes is located contains less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) residents, based on  
the most recent decennial United States census.

(2) A public charter school shall be considered a rural public charter school if the school  
district in which the public charter school is physically located meets the definition of a rural  
school district, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. A public charter school that is also a  
virtual school shall be considered a rural public charter school if over fifty percent (50%) of its  
enrolled students reside within school districts that meet the definition of a rural school district  
pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.